STATE WATER BOARD **RESOLUTION NO. 2005-0051**

ADOPTING THE PETROLEUM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK (UST) EMERGENCY, ABANDONED, RECALCITRANT (EAR) ACCOUNT FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2005-2006 ANNUAL SITE LIST; AND, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ISSUE LETTERS OF AWARD OR EXECUTE CONTRACTS AND AMENDMENTS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF EAR ACCOUNT FUNDS

WHEREAS:

- 1. Chapter 6.75 of Division 20 of the Health and Safety Code authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to provide funding to Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) or local agencies for initiating corrective action at petroleum UST sites which have had unauthorized releases;
- 2. Section 25299.36 of the Health and Safety Code authorizes the State Water Board to undertake or contract for corrective action at specified sites or to request the Department of General Services (DGS) to act as the agent of and enter into contracts on behalf of the State Water Board or a Regional Water Board for corrective action at those sites;
- 3. The State Water Board has established administrative procedures for providing cleanup funds to Regional Water Boards and local agencies, which include adoption of an EAR Account Annual Site List;
- 4. On January 12, 2005, the State Water Board requested the Regional Water Boards to: (1) contact local agencies in their regions to identify any abandoned and recalcitrant petroleum UST sites for inclusion on the EAR Account FY 2005-2006 Annual Site List, and (2) submit their annual list of recommended Regional Water Board and local agency sites to the State Water Board for EAR Account funding;
- 5. Seven Regional Water Boards responded, nominating a total of 48 eligible sites;
- 6. Sufficient funding is available to provide the requested amounts for all 48 eligible sites; and
- 7. For efficient operation of the EAR Account Program, the State Water Board may delegate authority to the Executive Director to issue letters of award or execute contracts and amendments for the expenditure of EAR Account funds or to request DGS to enter into contracts on behalf of the State Water Board or a Regional Water Board for the expenditure of EAR Account funds designated in the EAR Account Annual Site List.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

- 1. Adopt the Emergency, Abandoned, Recalcitrant (EAR) Account FY 2005-2006 Annual Site List;
- 2. Authorize the Executive Director to issue letters of award or negotiate and execute contracts and amendments for the expenditure of EAR Account funds designated in the Annual Site List; and

3.	Authorize the Executive Director to request DGS, pursuant to section 25299.36 of the Health and
	Safety Code, to enter into contracts on behalf of the State Water Board or a Regional Water Board
	and act as the agent of the State Water Board or a Regional Water Board for the expenditure of
	EAR Account funds designated in the Annual Site List.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Board held on July 21, 2005.